GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONCESSIONAL TICKETS ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities being provided by Indian Airlines (IA) and Air India (AI) to freedom fighters, senior citizens, women and serious patients from poor background;

(b) the number of free tickets given by AI/IA on compassionate grounds to patients suffering from serious ailments during the last three years and till date;

(c) the criteria adopted for providing the faciltiies;

(d) whether the said category of persons have submitted any demand letter to the airlines and the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Air India grants 55% concession on domestic fares to active Military Services personnel, cancer patients, blind persons and senior citizens. Indian Airlines grants 50% concession on domestic fares to senior citizens, cancer patients, blind persons and the persons suffering from 80% and above locomotor disability. Besides, Indian Airlines also offers 75% concession to receipients of pre-independance Bravery Awards of level I and II.

(b), (c), (d) and (e): Free or concessional air passages are granted to bonafide patients and one or two attendants undergoing medical treatment abroad for which facilities are not available in India. These passages are released on the recommendations of the Director General of Health Services. In accordance with these guidelines and the requests received, Air India had issued two tickets during the year April,2003 - March,2004. Similarly, Indian Airlines had issued four tickets during the year 2002-03.